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REMARKS**Claim Amendments**

Claims 1, 2, 17, 24, 25 and 28 have been amended. The amendment to Claim 17 now makes Claims 17-20 dependent from the embodiment of Claim 39. Claims 34-40 have been allowed. Claims 41-44 have been added to add dependent claims to allowed Claim 39. These claims should likewise be allowable. Support for new dependent claims appears in the originally filed dependent claims. No new matter has been added.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, First Paragraph

Claims 1-33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The Examiner notes that bandage should have two flanges as shown in Figs. 4 and 5.


Independent claims 1, 24 and 28 have been amended to more clearly point out that the bandage includes at least one section located on the side portion that is formed from a material that is substantially liquid-impermeable and vapor-permeable. Support for this amendment appears in the embodiments of Figs. 1 and 2, which does not require two flanges. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that all claims are in condition for allowance, and it is respectfully requested that the application be passed to issue. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned

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